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ELDER PRATT.

The Tragedy that Led to the Moun-tain Mendow Massacre. Described by an Eye-Witness—A Mother's Life Ended in Lunsey. [Fr m the New York Sun.]

FORT SMITH, ARK., Sept. 9.—A reader of the San having seen an account of the killing of Parley P. Pratt, second elder in the Mormon Church, in 1855 or 1856, by the husband of the woman he abducted and made his seventh wife, and know-

ed and made his seventh wife, and knowing it to be erroneous in many particulars, has requested me, as an eye-witness of the tragedy, to write you something in regard to it.

Mr. Hector II. McLean married a Miss McCabe in New Orleans, and afterward settled in San Francisco. There he became connected with the steamship companies, which brought him an income of about \$20,000 a year. He had an interesting, highly-educated and accomplished wife, and two children, a boy and a girl, both intelligent beyond their years, They were living peacefully and happily together when Parley P. Pratt abducted Mrs. McLean, took her to Salt Lake City and made her his seventh wife. So great was the shock to her husband that it almost unsettled his reason. He went to New

unsettled his reason. He went to New Orleans, taking his children there to his father-in-law, and then returned to San Francisco and resumed his business. What was his surprise to learn that Pratt and Mrs. McLean had left Salt Lake and and Mrs. McLean had left Salt Lake and were trying to steal his children, and, later, that they had accomplished their purpose. McLean then set out to hunt up the abductor and recover his children. He gave up his lucrative business and started for New York. There he learned that Pratt was in the city, but he could not be found. A few days later he learned by telegraph that Pratt was in St. Louis, and he started immediately for that city; but so well did the old scoundrel cover up his tracks, that no trace of him could up his tracks that no trace of him could be found. McLean then went to New Orleans, and there learned that his wife and children were in the northern part of Texas with a large caravan about to start tor Salt Lake. He went to Texas, and there intercepted fetters addressed to Mrs. P. P. Parker, and written by old Prattin a peculiar cipher, which he had to study a long time before he could read it. These letters proposed to meet Mrs. Parker at or near Fort Gibson, in the Cherokee na-

Mr. McLean returned dispirited to his

Mr. McLean returned obsparited to his father-in-law's, in New Orleans, and con-cinded to give up the chase. Resolving, however, to make one further effort, he started up the Arkansas river, under the assumed name of Johnson. Arriving at Fort Gibson, he told his story in confi-dence to the officers there, and they atdence to the officers there, and they atforded him every facility to trap the seducer. In this he was successful, first
getting possession of his wife and children. Having Pratt, be thought, in the
hands of the law, he attempted no vioience on him, but had him taken to Van
Buren, Arkansas, for trial before the
United States Court. As there was no
United States law by which an abductor
could be punished, a charge was made
against Pratt of stealing the clothing of
the wife and children when he abducted
them. This charge, however, would not them. This charge, however, would not stand. Pratt was tried before Judge John B. Ogden, and there was great ex-citement about him. When Mr. McLean related his grievances on the wit essstand, and read the clandestine correspondence between Pratt and his wife, there was hardly a dry eye in the court-room. Then, when he began to understand that there was no law for the redress of his wrongs, and that it was probable the old scoundrel would be re-leased, he became so excited that he atleased, he became so excited that he at-tempted to shoot Pratt on the spot, in the presence of the court. It was at this time that the writer made McLean's acquaintance. He caught hold of Mc-Lean and stayed his arm, as he was about to shoot, and told him that he must take no advantage of a man in custody. This led to a statement of all the facts of the case to me. Had there been at that time any mob law in Arkansas, Pratt would have been summarily hanged, so exasperated were the citizens. riaving, however, more respect for the United States authorities than they might have had for the State's, no outrage was committed. The court put the case off for a day, and had Pratt released early in the morning, so that he might escape, and he immediately left town on horseback. When McLean and his friends found this out, they started in pursuit.

On my arrival in Van Buren that mor-

ning I was informed that a foo man had just come in who had met Pratt and Mc-Lean within 600 yards of each other. Some half dozen or more of us started out to see what had happened. Five or s.x miles out we met McLean, who said he had not seen Pratt. While returning with us he began following the track of a horse across to another road. Myself and another gentleman accompanied him, not knowing but that we were following the track of one of our men. We followed pretty rapidly until, when about eight or nine miles from Van Buren, we eight or nine miles from Van Buren, we got sight of a man ahead. The writer being in advance put spurs to his horse to see whether it was Pratt, and to get away from the expected rencontre. McLean followed rapidly, and immediately after the writer passed Pratt (for it was he) a pistol ball came whizzing by his head and he thought thest order by his head, and he thought it best to get out of the road. On looking back I saw two horsemen going rapidly through the woods and bushes, heard the discharge of firearms, and saw the smoke of the powder. In a short time all was still, and I ventured to return by the road. What was my surprise to find that, at the point or thereabouts where the first what was my surprise to find that, at the point or thereabouts where the first firing began, both McLean and Pratt were dismounted and engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle. I rode right up, and in a moment or so McLean seemed suddenly to recollect that he had another pistol, for he stepped back and drew one, and fired apparently right into the body of Pratt, who soon fell. Then McLean made a motion as though to draw a knife, and I rode off and found the gentleman whom we left behind. Presently McLean joined us, and finding that he had dropped his Derringer pistol, he got a pistol of one of us, and returned to Pratt to pick up his. We were astonished at hearing another report of a pistol. McLean, when he returned, said he found the "old seoundrel" sitting up, leaning on his elbow, and he put a pistol to his head and shot him. He was not struck by a pistol ball at all, but he was killed with a knife. He lived long enough to send to town for Mrs. McLean to go to send to town for Mrs. McLean to go and see him. Mr. McLean left here with his children, feeling that he had done no more than was right, and in this the com-munity were with him. Mrs. McLean

was sent to an insane asylum. The above was the whole cause of the Moun-tain Meadow massacre.

(Louisville Ledger.

Mr. Americus Symmes, of this city, has just received a letter from Captain Nares, of Her Majesty's steamer, the Alert, which was written from Disco, Greenland, which was written from Disco. Greenland,
July 15th. The Alert, it should 'e understood, is one of the ships sent out for the
exploration of the Arctic regions, and
this letter is the last written by Capt.
Nares before departing from Disco on his
northward travels. It is therefore a very
interesting document. The letter is in reply to a communication sent to him by
Mr. Symmes, in regard to the theory that
the earth is hollow, entertained by the the earth is hollow, entertained by the late Capt. Juo. Cleve Symmes, and the writer assures Mr. S. that should he "be so fortunate as to sail further north than your countrymen, Captain Hail, old and there find that the land dips, I will not forget to give your father creditor having foretold that it would be the case."

foretold that it would be the case.

The expedition reached Disco on the 8th of July and remained there in making final preparation until the 15th, the day on which this letter was written. Here the Alert took on a supply of provisions and forty or fifty Greenland sledge dogs. The Alert has been accompanied by the two steamers Discovery and Valorous, but it is the first maned which is expected to find its way to the noise. Records will but it is the first maned which is expected to find its way to the pole. Records will be left at all the points at which they can be. The Discovery will accompany, or has accompanded, the Alert to the North side of Lady Franklin Strait. The former vessel will then press on alone northward, landing deposits and

alone northward, landing deposits and building cairns with records at intervals of sixty miles. The surest way of reaching the Pole, in Captain Nares' opinion, is to risk failure by pushing forward away from the land. The Alert will most probably winter in 80 degrees, north latitude, it being the intention to go into quarters about the last of September. Here sledge traveling will be go into quarters about the last of Sep-tember. Here sledge traveling will be begun and the dogs will be brought into requisition. The object of this will be to get information of the country so that the expedition may push boldly forward in the Summer of 1876. The Spring traveling will be begun about the first of April, and fifty-two men will be sent out with the sledges a territor of whom are with the sledges, a portion of whom are expected to be gone about one hundred

Captain Nares is very hopeful himself, and thinks if they reach 84 degrees be-fore stopping to winter, they will strike the pole in ten months. The ship was in good order on the day of leaving. Disco and the sailors were in high spirits, all of them, "officers and men, splendid fellows, and all of them anxious for the fray and eager to be at it."

Cheating an Innocent Old Man

[Vicksburg Herald ] One day last month when trade was duil, a Vicksburg grocery clerk procured a piece of sole leather from a shoemaker, a piece of sole leather from a shoemaker, painted it black, and laid it aside for future use. Within a few days an eld chap from back in the country came in and inquired for a plug of chewing tobacco. The piece of sole leather was tied up, paid for, and the purchaser started for home. At the end of the sixth day he returned, looking downcast and dejected, and walking into the store he inquired of the clerk:

the clerk:
"Member that terbacker I got here
the other day?"

"Yes."
"Well, was that a new brand?"
"No—same old brand." "Regular plug terbacker, was it?"

"Yes."
"Well then, it's me; it's right here in my jaws." sadly replied the man. "I knowed I was gettle purty old, but I was allus handy on bitin plug. I never seen a plug afore this one that I couldn't tear

to pieces at one chaw. I sot my teeth on to this one, and bit and pulled and twisted like a dog at a root, and I've kept bit-ing and pulling for six days, and thar she am now, the same as the day you sold her to me!" "Seems to be good plug," remarked the clerk as he smelled the counterfeit.

"She's all right; it's me that's failing?" exclaimed the old man, "Put me out some fine-cut, and I'll go home and deed the farm to the boys, and git ready for the During the epidemic of intermit-tents in the West this season, the whole immense stock of Ayer's Ague Cure be-

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